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Hi Kia,

Attached is a public comment for posting. It's from Jane Wagner-Tyack and was given at the January 24 Council meeting. Thanks, Pat

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With this Delta Plan, the Delta Stewardship Council has failed to act as a steward of the Delta.

- This Plan continues the longstanding practice of the State to avoid making realistic estimates of available water supply and adjusting State and federal contracts accordingly.
- The Delta Plan fails to deal honestly with flow objectives. It should not be considered complete until 2014, when it can incorporate the State Water Resources Control Board's Delta Flow Objectives.
- The Delta Plan assumes that BDCP will be permitted and incorporated into the Plan as the method of ensuring reliable water supply. Reliance on the BDCP to meet this goal undermines the Council's obligation to provide for ecosystem restoration. The Delta Plan should, at a minimum, include alternatives to BDCP for ensuring water supply reliability, such as the proposals contained in the Delta Protection Commission's *Economic Sustainability Plan*, and the Reduced Exports Plan proposed by the Environmental Water Caucus.
- The Delta Plan fails to press for a meaningful financial analysis of the BDCP, the largest project on which it is required to comment. It ignores the fact that BDCP will have costs and economic impacts far beyond those that beneficiaries will pay for.
- The Delta Plan does not ensure that existing water quality laws will be implemented. Current levels of export undermine water quality, impairing beneficial uses in the Delta.
- The Delta Plan does not do enough to ensure reduced reliance on the Delta, as required by the 2009 Delta Reform legislation. The Plan should make it clear that water supply reliability and restoration of the Delta ecosystem will necessitate a reduction of exports in the future, and thus will require stronger conservation measures and development of local water supplies. By failing to address this issue now, the Stewardship Council is kicking this can down the road, as it has been kicked too often in the past. That is why the Delta is in the crisis we see today.

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